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COUNTRY	Germany (Soviet Zone)	REPORT	
TOPIC	Military Information from a Training Area North of Otterwisch		25X1
EVALUATION	25X1	PLACE OBTAINED	25X1
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REMARKS			

25X1 [redacted] a training area had been established north of Otterwisch (N 52/E 40). The area was restricted only during firing practices with live ammunition. Two low wooden barracks buildings and three 12-man circular tents were in the eastern section of the training area along the Pomssen-Otterwisch road. They were occupied by about 120 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. About 400 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were in tents in the wooded area which adjoins the training area on the northwest. [redacted]

25X1 T-34 tanks were seen there. [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] 40 and 120 soldiers receiving combat training on various days of observation. No motor vehicles were stationed in the training area. [redacted]

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25X1 [redacted] Comment. It is believed that the area north of Otterwisch serves as training area for units stationed in Grimma, Leipzig and, possibly, Leisnig. The T-34 tanks mentioned possibly belong to the 1st Gds Tank Regt of the 8th Gds Mezz Div which is believed stationed in Grimma. [redacted] 25X1

25X1 this training area in conjunction with units of the 8th Gds Mezz Div in Grimma in late April. [redacted] The truck which moved in the direction of Grimma on 3 June belonged to the 8th Gds Mezz Div, while the trucks seen moving toward Leipzig on 12 June belonged to an MGE regiment in Leipzig. It is possible that some of its components may have been at the training area. [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] an SGB officer of the Leipzig Kommandatura was detached to a unit which was entrained for the Otterwisch troop training grounds. [redacted] 25X1

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